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1. Dr. Jan Papanek, who was named as one of the Czechoslovak delegates to the United Nations meetings in the autumn of 1946, will probably be replaced shortly, because of renewed opposition from the Slovaks.
2. According to rumors now circulating in high Government circles, an attempt will again be made to have Dr. Papanek appointed ambassador to France, if he is ousted from the UN delegation.

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Comment: During the war Dr. Papanek headed the Czechoslovak Information Service in the United States and served as an "unofficial personal representative" of President Benes. In November 1945, he was named ambassador to France from the Czechoslovak Provisional Government, but Slovak pressure caused the cancellation of the appointment before he could assume his duties. The attempt to appoint Papanek to the Czechoslovak UN delegation in March 1946 likewise ran into strong opposition from both the Slovak Democrats and the Slovak Communists, because he was known to be anti-Hodza and believed to be unsympathetic to the Communists. This appointment was confirmed in October 1946, however, in spite of efforts to block it.

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Comment: A recent report hinted at the possibility that Dr. Papanek may be replaced by Dr. Prochazka, Minister of Health, who, however, is said to be reluctant to accept even a top UN post.)

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